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Sir:

Applicants request that the period for response be extended one month through and including March 26, 2010, the fees for which have been paid at the time this Election was filed.

In response to the written Restriction Requirement dated January 26, 2010 in the above-identified patent application, Applicants hereby elect to prosecute the invention of Group II (claims 68, 72, 76, 81, 87, 91, 94, 98, 102, 106, 111, 115, 121, 125, and 129), without traverse.

The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any fees under 37 CFR §§1.16 or 1.17 as required by this paper to Deposit Account No. 19-0065.

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